Computation of poverty-line formula

3298. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present formula for poverty-line computation is based on the rceommendations of a Task Force in 1979;

(b) if so, what are the criteria and the formula suggested by the Task Force; and how far the same are accurate in view of the rising prices; and

(c) what steps have been and are being taken to update the formula?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Task Force on Minimum Needs and Effective Consumption Demand defined the poverty line as per capita monthly expenditure of Rs. 49.09 in rural areas and Rs. 56.64 in urban areas, at 1973-74 prices, corresponding to the per capita daily calorie requirement of 2400 in rural areas and 2100 in urban areas. The poverty line is updated regularly for price rise, using the private consumption deflator from the National Accounts series.

(c) An Expert Group on Estimation of proportion and Nnmber of poor has been appointed "to look into the methodology for estimation of poverty at national and State level and also to go into the question of re-defing poverty line if necessary".

Central assistance to Bihar

3299. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1731 given in the Rajya Sabha on 9th March, 1992 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that following a change in the formula, the share of the Central assistance to the State of Bihar would decrease in the coming years; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Consultations with the State Governments including Bihar on indicators of performance have been initiated. Final calculations of State's share in the Central assistance will depend upon the indicators finalised. In the allocation of Central assistance for Annual Plan, 1992-93 effort was made to protect the level of net Central assistance, at 1991-92 level.

सकल घरेलू उत्पाद में स्वदेशी उद्योगों और विदेशी कंपनियों का योगदान

3300. श्री अजीत जोगी :
श्री छोटूभाई पटेल :

क्या योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकारी कर्मचारियों पर होने वाला सेवा व्यय सकल घरेलू उत्पाद में शामिल होता है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) सकल घरेलू उत्पाद में स्वदेशी उद्योगों और विदेशी कंपनियों के योगदान की प्रतिशतता और उसकी मात्रा का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री हंसराज

भारद्वाज) : (क) और (ख) सरकारी कर्मचारी विभागीय उद्यमों जैसे रेलवे, संचार आदि को चलाने के लिए तथा प्रशासनिक और रक्षा सेवाओं के अतिरिक्त स्वास्थ्य, शिक्षा आदि से संबंधित समुदाय सेवाओं के लिए सेवाएं प्रदान करते हैं। इन सेवाओं पर किए गए खर्च में साधन भुगतान तथा वस्तुओं और सेवाओं की लागत शामिल है। वस्तुओं तथा सेवाओं के मध्यवर्ती उपभोग को छोड़कर यह व्यय सकल घरेलू उत्पाद में शामिल किया गया है क्योंकि यह अर्थव्यवस्था में वस्तुओं तथा सेवाओं की मांग तथा आपूर्ति उत्पन्न करता है।

(ग) ब्यौरे उपलब्ध नहीं हैं।

Restructuring of planning Commission

3301. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the recommendations/observations of the expert Panel Report on restructuring of the Planning Commission;

(b) if so, what are its broad features; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto particularly on the restructuring of the Planning Commission by pruning its strength and that of its Secretariat and roping in the best talent available in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An Interim Report of the Task Force set up regarding structure and manning of the Planning Commission has been received. The broad features of the recommendations made in the Interim Report are that the Planning Commission should perform a 'Think Tank' role and suggested restructuring of the Divisions with this end in view enabling greater interaction in the Commission, with Central Ministries and the State Govts. The system of engaging Non-Official Consultants for undertaking short-term expertise needs to be strengthened and various educational and research organsations to be involved to provide necessary inputs. The Commission should endeavour to get best quality personnel and there should be flexibility in giving higher grade posts within the total number, depending upon seniority, merit and performance.

(c) In pursuance of the recommendations, the number of posts in the Commission has already been reduced and efforts will be made to get the best talent as and when vocancies occur.

Implementation of Antyodaya Programme

3302. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the States where Antyodaya Programme is being implemented at present and the progress achieved in the programme State-wise;

(b) progress made in 'Van Lagao' programme launched in various States;

(c) whether these programmes are in persuance of Central Policy; and

(d) if so, the Central aid being given to the various States for implementation of these programmes at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ):